



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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Dear Ms.

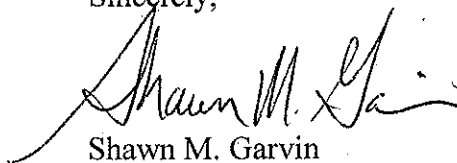
I am responding to your letter to Senator Barbara A. Mikulski concerning the conditions existing last summer at Maryland Recycle in Elkridge, Maryland.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) contacted the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Solid Waste Enforcement Program about this location and found that MDE had responded to a previous complaint in August of 2009. The MDE inspector determined that there were no issues of concern. MDE is the primary regulatory authority and agreed to do a follow up inspection. The results of the inspection, conducted on February 5, 2010, are enclosed.

MDE also has several hotlines that may be used to report illegal burning and illegal dumping of liquids. Air releases can be reported to the Air Pollution Hotline number, which is 410-537-3215 (daytime) or 866-MDE GO TO (nights and weekends). To report any illegal dumping of liquids, call 410-537-3510 (daytime) or 866-MDE GO TO (nights and weekends). All of the MDE emergency telephone numbers are listed on their web page at [http://www.mde.state.md.us/ContactUs/numbers\\_to\\_know/index.asp](http://www.mde.state.md.us/ContactUs/numbers_to_know/index.asp).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Linda Miller, EPA's Maryland Liaison, at 215-814-2068.

Sincerely,

  
Shawn M. Garvin  
Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski  
Washington, D.C. Office

